The Halyard
A weekly newsletter for Virginia's
Library Media Specialists
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Charlie's chatter

This week has been a challenge. I have adjusted my sails so many times that I think I am in danger of losing my way. Do you ever feel that way? Multiple demands on our time, resources, budgets, and energy make the saying 'there's never a dull moment' so very true.

In between reading No Child Left Behind, Title II Part D grants, I have attended a VETAC meeting, participated in a webinar on Cyber Security, met with sales representatives, attended a training seminar for administrators, AND worked on the Linking Libraries Project. And that is just last week! So many new things to learn, to implement and to enjoy!

I did read something this week however that really made me think about my priorities. The challenge was to ask yourself daily, "when you get where you are going, is it really where you want to be?" I can truthfully answer that with a yes, when I relate it to working with the wonderful library media specialists around this state.

Hang on tight through the strong and changing winds, and I will see you in the Bay of Academic Success.

Marco Polo Training

Don't miss out on this opportunity to take advantage of our FREE MarcoPolo in the Classroom training sessions.

Every attendee leaves with a CD full of training resources to help them train their fellow educators about using the MarcoPolo web sites, which provide standards-based, cream-of-the-crop Internet resources!

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WHEN?
*Choose **one** of the following dates:*
October 19 or November 12   Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
All sessions are held at the Virginia Department of Education Ida Hill Training Lab on the 18th Floor of the James Monroe Building in Richmond. If interested in attending or for more information, contact Jean Weller at jweller@mail.vak12ed.edu

The more things change the more they stay the same!

"Too much cannot be said about the personality of the school librarian. Her work is of a cooperative nature that requires constant use of all her powers for social adjustment. She needs to understand people and to inspire their confidence in her activities. This is best accomplished by someone possessing steady nerves, an alert mind, a sympathetic and understanding nature, and who is orderly and readily adaptable. In a word, she should be an individual who both the faculty and students can respect and admire, a dominant but not a domineering personality."
(Martha Wilson, 1919-Cited by Althea Currins, in her research of school libraries in 1939)
For more details, see Teacher Librarian, October 2004, p. 13

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Gale Databases

Our thanks and appreciation are expressed to the staff of Library Networking and Development at the Library of Virginia for once again providing students with a wealth of wonderful databases and research tools. Students may access these resources from school using IP authentication and from home using their public library card. The following databases are now available:

InfoTrac OneFile PLUS Ingenta
General Reference Center Gold
Expanded Academic PLUS with Ingenta
Health and Wellness Resource Center
Alternative Health Module
Business and Company Resource Center
Student Edition
Junior Edition
Kinds InfoBits
K12 Professional Collection
Computer Database
LegalTrac
Military and Intelligence Database

InfoTrac Religion And Philosophy
Contemporary Literacy Criticism Select
What Do I Read Next (Reader's Advisory)
Biography Resource Center
E-Books:
    Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine
    Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer
    Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine
    Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America
    Encyclopedia of American Industries

Watch the VEMA listserve for details for accessing these resources

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October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

Working in collaboration with our government and industry partners, NCSA is launching National Cyber Security Awareness Month in October 2004. Our mission for this initiative is to raise awareness of cyber security so that users improve their cyber security preparedness. The National Cyber Security Awareness Month initiative is structured in four week-long components – targeting Home Users in week one, Small Businesses in week two, Education audiences (K-12 and higher education) in week three, and focusing on Child Safety online in week four. We invite you to participate in the National Cyber Security Awareness Month program and watch for high-impact programs throughout October. Check out the Top Ten Security Tips for more information on keeping your computer safe from hackers. For more information contact NCSAMartha@aol.com. For more activities visit: http://www.staysafeonline.info/e.html

Information Literacy Standards Online

K-12 Information Literacy Standards are now available online in PDF format at http://www.ala.org/aasl/ip_nine.html and can be used for free, credited, unmodified, and non commercial dissemination to school library partners in learning.

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